GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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AIDS TEST COMPULSORY FOR DRIVING LICENCE
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make AIDS test compulsory before issuing driving licence to truck drivers in view of the fact that majority of AIDS patients are truck drivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, if a truck driver wants to test his HIV status voluntarily, he can be tested with pre and post test counselling.

(c) India is a signatory to the joint declaration of the 45th World Health Assembly, which states that there is no public health rationale in mandatory screening of HIV infection for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS.